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Items for Discussion with DD/A

1. You mentioned this morning that you have a weekly meeting with DD/A, and asked for suggestions on any general items which might be appropriate for you to bring up at these meetings. Following are a number of items or problems of a general character which you may wish to discuss at your next meeting with DD/A.

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b. Shipment and Storage of Household Effects

We recently submitted a paper to DD/A on this subject, but nothing has been published. In the meanwhile FE seems to be limiting shipment of effects to Far East and authorizing storage of effects at government expense, whereas persons going to [redacted] are authorized to take all their household effects, but are not authorized storage of effects in the U.S. at Government expense. The Agency should have a policy on this.

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c. Sending Finance Division Representatives on Field Trips

I have made tentative plans to send Finance Division representatives on three field trips in January, February, and March as follows:



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I believe it is essential that we send people to these areas as soon as possible to (1) Take specific action on problems already known to us (2) To obtain specific data and information in the area which will enable us to better handle the field problems.

I have talked to Bob re the above plan and he agrees. I would like to have the individuals named above start getting necessary shots, etc. immediately if you agree. In the meanwhile you may wish to discuss and get general clearance from DD/A.

d. Format of Dispatches to the Field

There is no uniform instruction for preparing dispatches to field stations. Each division has a slightly different format, different copies, etc. Finance Division gave you a memo to [redacted] on this subject. Is any action being taken?

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e. Complaints arising from Field Inspections

We are receiving a number of general complaints as a result of field inspections. It would be most helpful if such complaints were accompanied by factual data and/or made more specific as to name, place, and circumstance. Suggestions for remedial action would also be helpful.

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f. Cut-backs in T/O in [redacted]

General indecisiveness in respect to the number and types of employees that will be maintained in these areas is preventing the Finance Division from making plans and taking action on getting finance personnel into those areas.

g. No Plans on Some Proprietary Projects in Far East

Finance Division has no Administrative Plans and therefore no basis for processing accounts of certain subsidy and proprietary projects in the Far East. The projects in question were listed in a staff paper by Finance Division on 1 September 1952 and recommendations made. I understand [redacted] has the paper now. Finance Division needs a decision on this.

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